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SUBJ: CYPRUS: TURK REFUGEES IN SBA  
RE LONDON 12247 AND PREVIOUS

SUMMARY: BRITISH ARE HOLDING FIRM, AND SIGNS ARE TURKS ARE  
ACCEPTING IT. END SUMMARY.

1. FCO PERM UNDERSEC BRIMELOW TOOK FIRM LINE WITH TURK AMB  
MENEMENCIOLU SEPT 23. HE POINTED OUT TURKS ARE FREE TO LEAVE  
SBAS AND REGULARLY MOVE IN AND OUT. ONLY ISSUE IS TURKISH REQUEST  
TO EVACUATE THEM BY SHIP, WHICH BRITISH CANNOT AGREE TO AT THIS TIME.  
BRIMELOW TURNED DOWN MENEMENCIOLU'S REQUEST THAT TURKS BE  
TRANSFERRED TO EASTERN SBA, WHICH PARTLY CONTIGUOUS WITH TURKISH  
ZONE OF MILITARY CONTROL. ALSO REFUSED MENEMENCIOLU'S (PERSONAL?)  
SUGGESTION THAT GREEK CYPRIOT REFUGEES BE MOVED INTO LAND VACATED  
BY TURK CYPRIOTS.
2. ON LARGER REFUGEE ISSUE, MENEMENCIOLU SAID TURKEY "CANNOT  
BARGAIN OVER PEOPLE." HE SAID THERE ARE 40-50,000 TURKISH REFUGEES.
3. MENEMENCIOLU SHOWED CONTINUING INTEREST IN VISIT BY TURKISH  
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REP TO TURKISH REFUGEES IN SBA, AND THOUGHT DENKTASH PROBABLY ONLY

APPROPRIATE MAN ON ISLAND TO DO THIS.

4. BRITISH AIDE MEMOIRE HANDED MENEMENCIOLU SPELLS OUT POSITION IN MORE DETAIL (NOTING SOME 5,000 TURKISH CYPRIOTS HAVE ALREADY FILTERED THEIR WAY TO TURKISH ZONE OF CONTROL AND REITERATING INVITATION TO DENKTASH OR MAINLAND REP TO VISIT. IT ENDS WITH QUESTION: IS TURKISH GOVT PREPARED TO ENCOURAGE DENKTASH TO JOIN CLERIDES IN A STATEMENT THAT EVERY CYPRIOT HAS IN PRINCIPLE THE RIGHT TO RETURN TO HIS HOME OR TO GO TO A PLACE OF HIS OWN CHOICE?

5. ACCORDING TO FCO'S WESTON, BARUTCU CALLED IN BRITISH COUNSELOR IN ANKARA THIS MORNING (SEPT 25) TO DISCUSS AIDE MEMOIRE. BARUTCU DID NOT RESPOND TO FINAL QUESTION. HE GAVE IMPRESSION TURKS ARE NIBBLING AT POSSIBILITY OF MAINLAND REP TO VISIT REFUGEES. WHILE MAKING IT CLEAR TURKS WISH TO GIVE APPEARANCE THEY ARE STILL WORKING ON THIS PROBLEM, BRITISH GAINED IMPRESSION ANKARA IS MORE RELAXED AND HAS ACCEPTED BRITISH POSITION THAT SOLUTION WILL REQUIRE TIME.

6. COMMENT: BRITISH HAVE ADOPTED FIRM LINE ON THIS ONE -- MAINLY BECAUSE TURKS HAVE PERMITTED THEM TO. WE SUPPOSE THIS RESULTS FROM TURKISH CALCULATION NOT TO PRESS BRITISH TOO HARD AT TIME WHEN (IN UNGA AND BACK-ROOM DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY) THERE ARE BIGGER FISH TO FRY. ANNENBERG

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